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placed on the table of the House. The Government have guaranteed an overdraft of Rs. 32 lakhs with the Indian Bank, Limited, Madras.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) A member must pay Rs. 50 for each share taken by him.

" (d) The Government consider that it is unlikely that any person will be thrown out of employment since the ex-servicemen's Transport Co-operatives will only supplement and not replace the present transport services."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the poor response from ex-servicemen to various schemes of rehabilitation undertaken by the Government, will the Government consider the desirability of getting all schemes, especially this matter of transport scheme, re-examined and altered, wherever necessary, so that public funds may not be wasted? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government have accepted the scheme and they do not believe that public funds are being wasted on this."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know what is the staff employed under the Directorate of Resettlement for this particular purpose of motor transport? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Notice."

Textile bribery case.

* 160 Q.—SRI S. A. S. RM. RAMANATHAM CHETTIYAR : Will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the appeals against acquittal preferred by the Government in Textile bribery case were dismissed by the High Court;

(b) the amount spent in respect of this case both in the Magistrate's Court and in the High Court;

(c) who advised the appeal in the case in the face of strong judgment of the trial court;

(d) whether the Government would place on the table of the House my letter to the Hon. Minister, dated 19th May 1946, strongly advising against the filing of an appeal against the acquittal and state what steps were taken in pursuance of the facts stated therein; and

(e) why the Government allowed an appeal to be filed and public funds wasted to the extent of about Rs. 10,000 in spite of the facts disclosed in the lower Court's judgment?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) There was no expenditure to Government by way of fees to their Law officers in connexion with the prosecutions in the

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Chief Presidency Magistrate's Court. The fee payable to the Law officers concerned for the appeals in the High Court has not yet been settled.

"(c) & (e) The appeal was filed after consultation with the Advocate-General.

"(d) No letter from the hon. Member, dated 19th May 1946, was received by the Government."

(Sri S. A. S. Rm. Ramanatham Chettiar wanted a Tamil translation of the answer.)

Mr. PRESIDENT :—"You know English. If you want, I shall ask the Hon. Minister to read out the answer again."

(The answer was read out a second time.)

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, if the Advocate-General advised the Government to file an appeal against the decision of the Chief Presidency Magistrate?"

The Hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"That is the presumption."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Who appeared on behalf of Government in the appeal, Sir?"

The Hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The Advocate-General, Sir."

Sri S. A. S. Rm. RAMANATHAM CHETTIYAR :—"எனது 19-ம் தேதி லெட்டரை மந்திரிக்கு அனுப்பி காப்பி வைத்திருக்கிறேன்."

The Hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"அந்த லெட்டர் வரவில்லை என்று சொல்லுகிறேன்."

Sri S. A. S. Rm. RAMANATHAM CHETTIYAR :—"இந்த கேசுக்கு பணம் சிலவாகவில்லையா ?"

The Hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"முதல் கேசுக்கு பணம் சிலவு இல்லை என்று சொல்லுகிறேன். அப்பீலுக்கு எவ்வளவு பணம் சிலவாகும் என்று இன்னும் தெரியவில்லை."

Sri S. A. S. Rm. RAMANATHAM CHETTIYAR :—"அதற்கு எவ்வளவு சிலவாகும் என்று தெரியுமா?"

The Hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"அதைப்பற்றி நான் பதில் சொல்வதற்கு தயாராக இல்லை."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—"The intention of the question seems to be whether Government was justified in preferring the opinion of the Advocate-General." (Laughter.)

Court of Enquiry to enquire into Labour disputes.

* 161 Q.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri P. R. K. Sarma) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether a Court of Enquiry has been appointed to enquire into the conditions of the workers in the Motor Transport Engineering, Type-casting and other allied concerns and make recommendations to the Government;